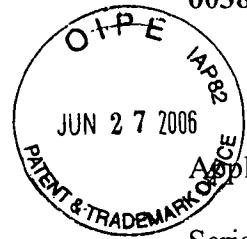


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The references being submitted herewith came to the Applicants' attention in an Official Action, dated April 7, 2006, on a Korean patent application which corresponds to the present application.

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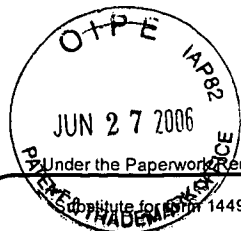
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